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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claims 1-18 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 19-36 as follows:

19. (New) A method of handling messages, comprising:

determining if a message is approved for a recipient of the message;

processing the message for subsequent viewing by the recipient if the message is approved; and

notifying the recipient and storing the message if the message is unapproved.

20. The method of Claim 19, further comprising allowing the recipient to view an unapproved message.

21. The method of Claim 20, further comprising notifying the recipient with a notification message having a link to network data representing a list of unapproved messages for the recipient.

22. The method of Claim 21, wherein the network data comprises markup language data accessible by a computer device of the recipient.

23. The method of Claim 19, further comprising allowing the recipient to set criteria to determine if the message is approved.

24. The method of Claim 23, wherein the criteria includes a sender of the message being on a stored approved list for the recipient.

25. The method of Claim 24, further comprising allowing the recipient to change the criteria.

26. The method of Claim 19, further comprising deleting an unapproved message a predetermined period of time after the notifying.

27. The method of Claim 26, further comprising notifying a sender of the unapproved message of deletion of the unapproved message.

28. The method of Claim 23, wherein the messages and the criteria are stored on an electronic message server.

29. A message processing system, comprising:

means for determining if a message is approved for a recipient of the message;

means for processing the message for subsequent viewing by the recipient if the message is approved; and

means for notifying the recipient and storing the message if the message is unapproved.

30. A message processing system, comprising:

an electronic message server for receiving and storing electronic messages for a recipient; and

an electronic message manager for processing electronic messages for a recipient to determine if the electronic messages are approved based on stored criteria, sending approved electronic messages for the recipient to a location for access by the recipient, and storing and sending a notification to the recipient of unapproved messages.

31. The message processing system of Claim 30, further comprising an access server for generating a display page with a list of unapproved messages, the notification comprising an electronic message with a link to the display page.

32. The message processing system of Claim 31, wherein the list of unapproved messages includes links to the unapproved messages respectively and which on selection causes transmission of an unapproved message to a recipient's computer device for viewing by the recipient.